

THE MASSACRE OF SINOPÉ.

(From the Illustrated London News.)

The odious and treacherous butchery committed by the Russians at Sinopé is far more than sufficient to justify the Turkish Government in refusing any terms of compromise, or of listening to any negotiation, until the outrage shall have been avenged. But Mahometan Turkey shows itself far more Christian in its conduct, than the so-called Christian Emperor of the Russians. As if to afford one more decisive proof, in addition to the many which it has given to the world, of the justice and moderation which characterise its actions, the Turkish Government, in a Great Council convoked at Constantinople on the 18th instant, agreed that the collective note of the four allied powers should be received. Notwithstanding the bitter remembrance of Sinopé, the Porte consents to dispatch a plenipotentiary to some neutral capital, not being Vienna, to treat for peace, and accepts the declaration of the allies, that the evacuation of the Danubian Principalities is to be a sine qua non in negotiation, and that the territorial limits of the Ottoman Empire are not to be changed or affected. These are the stipulations of the allies as well as of Turkey; but Turkey adds, in her own behalf, and as essential to her own dignity and security, that all treaties existing between the Ottoman and the Russian Empire anterior to the war are to be considered as null and void. It is not to be expected that the Czar will adhere to these terms, just and reasonable as they must universally be considered. Turkey cannot abate one iota of them, unless the grip of the aggressor be at her throat; and Russia having gone so far cannot accede to them, unless reduced to the same extremity. The strong arm will, therefore, have to decide the question; and the new proposal for a Conference will share the fate of its predecessors, and be rendered useless by events, which are far more rapid and potent for the solution of knotty points than notes or protocols. The Emperor of Russia, finding the public opinion of the civilised world against him, is looking out for allies wherever he can. He appears to have secured as one of his tools the effete and imbecile Court of Teheran, which has just declared war against Turkey on one pretence, and against England on another. The object is, of course, to create alarm for our Indian Empire. British power, we anticipate, will make short work of the Shah. But the Emperor Nicholas—like a prudent man—for there is a kind of prudence to be observed even in the most desperate of schemes—is looking about for more serviceable supporters than the rotten empire of Persia, and is endeavouring to detach Austria, if not Russia, from the Quadruple Alliance, and to coalesce Sweden and Denmark into making common cause with him. It is impossible to say what success may attend his efforts. But this much is certain: if Austria detach herself from the English and French alliance, her doom is sealed. She will fall in pieces at the first concussion, and Hungary and Italy will reign in her stead. If Prussia be not stanch, a similar fate will await her; and Poland, resuscitated and restored, will claim a large slice of her dominions, and give her considerable trouble besides, to say nothing of a possible Westphalian kingdom that may emerge from the chaotic embroilments of a general war. The geographical position of Sweden and Denmark would make them valuable allies of the Czar; but there is not only a public opinion in those countries, but both of them suffer, and have suffered, from Russian spoliation, and neither of them have forgotten or forgiven it. The restoration of Finland to its lawful owners would be an inducement that might tempt Sweden to join the Anti-Russian alliance, even if other arguments should prove powerless to move her. Denmark could not be of much service to the Czar if Sweden joined the other side, and Denmark is too vulnerable to risk lightly the friendship of Great Britain. But, whatever success may attend the Czar in his efforts to strengthen his land, sea, and air, the fleets and armies of Great Britain, France, and Turkey—even did Germany contribute no armies to the alliance—would be amply sufficient to give the Russians more work than they can accomplish. The Russian fleet in the Black Sea is not likely to be in existence long after the formal declaration of war by England and France, and the Russian fleet in the Baltic will melt away in the spring like snow, as rapidly as the floating ice of that region, if England be driven to the necessity of attacking it. If we reflect upon the fortunate fact that the whole of the immense frontier line of the Russian Empire is inhabited by enemies of her power—by races and tribes, either Mahomedan or Christian, whom she has conquered and oppressed—by Fins, Germans, Poles, Slovoniaks, Turks, Circassians, Tartars, Cosacs, and other populations, that it would take an ethnologist some trouble to catalogue—we may dismiss from our minds any fear that we shall be defeated in allies. Russia may now sing her blasphemous *Tu Deum* if she please; but the day will assuredly come when she will have to change her tune—to sing *Miserere*—and to clothe herself in sackcloth and ashes.

(From the Times.)

When a great disaster has occurred, which might have been foreseen, and ought to have been provided against, everybody is apt to think that everybody else is exceedingly to blame; and this is the case at the present moment, with reference to the destruction of the Turkish squadron at Sinopé. We ourselves have nobody to accuse, and nobody to defend. Probably some blame may justly be laid in several quarters; but, as far as the facts are known to us, it is our duty to take care that hasty and unjust accusations are not bandied about without evidence, and that this untoward event be not used to impair the mutual confidence of those who are acting together in this question.

(From Bell's Messenger.)

The news of this fearful and unequal engagement was first conveyed to us through Vienna, by the Russians themselves. By these interested parties it was reported that their ships had met a Turkish squadron conveying troops, ammunition, and provisions to the forces warring against Russia in the Asiatic territories, a colour thus being put upon the apparent necessity for such an attack. But no sooner have the real facts been collected, and transmitted through Constantinople, by means of the British frigates which Lord Stratford de Redcliffe immediately dispatched to afford help to the wounded, and relief to the perishing Mahomedans at Sinopé, when it comes out, as it always does, that the first intelligence was a tissue of false falsehoods, evidently intended to make the conduct, which must cause the name of Russia to be universally execrated, and to cloak an act of positive and barbarous aggression by expedient excuses, which in the long run can deceive no one, inasmuch as there is not the slightest foundation for any one of them. The consternation and indignation which the announcement of this specimen of the savagery of the East has excited in the minds of the most vehement; and one general feeling per-

vailed, that now at least Great Britain and France would immediately act for the protection of the Porte. So far, however, from this being the case, the only step taken by our ambassador was that to which we have referred, of sending two frigates to learn what were the losses of the Turks, and to afford assistance to the sick, wounded, and dying. What Lord Stratford de Redcliffe's course of action would have been, had he not been bound and trammelled by home influences, all who know anything of his patriotic spirit can well imagine. Not a moment would have been lost in despatching the British ships of war—whether those of France sailed with them or not—across the waters of the Black Sea, to meet the Russian navy, and measure weapons with her, no less than to bombard Sebastopol itself, a step which ought to have been taken when Russia crossed the Pruth, and which would have been taken, had British counsels swayed the intentions of the Sovereign, and had not this country been placed at the mercy of an effete and incompatible Prime Minister. There can be no doubt that our gallant fleet, now waiting their time on the banks of the Bosphorus, are burning to have a touch at Russia. They at least feel—whatever is felt at home—that Russia has thrown the gauntlet down to Great Britain, having first struck her a blow upon the face, before striking her at her defence. They know what a Nelson a Collingwood, or a Codrington would have even dared to do in days of yore, in defiance of orders, under circumstances not half so infamous as those in which Russia has involved herself. The very assumption of the British flag, the dastardly hoisting of those colours at the Russian main, colours which were never so disgraced before without reparation being demanded, must make those gallant "hearts of oak" blush for the Ministers into whose hands the management of public affairs has been thrust. We can well suppose what our Elizabeth would have done had any of the foreign powers of her day thus outraged her flag. But it was her good fortune to have ministers equal to the emergencies of her times. The Ministers of our gracious Sovereign are but women, compared to those of the last Tudor dynasty, and seem to forget or never to have thought, that their Sovereign's name is Victoria. We have no desire for war. Our aspirations—especially at such a season as the present, when we are reminded of the birth of Him, whose mission was to bring "peace on earth, good will towards men"—are for the arrival of those days when there shall be no more war. But we hold that a cowardly front is the sure forerunner of massacre and devastation; whilst courage to meet means, or the prevention of that calamity which, if people were wise, their Sovereigns would never play at. Russia has outraged Europe by her infamous assault upon Sinopé; and yet Great Britain refrains from calling that power to account, which has not only taken the greatest pains to make known to the world that she defies her, but that she will prosecute the legacy left to her by her brutal ancestor, Peter the Great, to humiliate the Sovereigns of the British Isles, and eventually despoil her of her vast territorial possessions.

A STUDY.

(From the Melbourne Argus, November 23.)

In a recent number of the *Times*, we find an interesting letter from Sir William A. Beckett on the subject of penal discipline; and he refers in it to the case of a man who has acted rather a prominent part here in connexion with our penal department, and whose name will be recollected by many of our readers. This man is Owen Suffolk; he is at this moment, we believe, a prisoner in the gaol; and, singularly constituted as he has proved himself to be, we quite agree with the Chief Justice as to the amount of instruction which may be derived from a study of his character, and of his strange career.

We insert the letter itself, omitting a long quotation from a charge once delivered by Sir William at Geelong, which is not necessarily connected with the subject.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir,—I have read with much pleasure, and with more sympathy than you have time to hear me express, your excellent article in the *Times* of to-day, respecting the treatment of our criminals.

You have pointed out the only true way of working any reformatory change in their character—viz., by personal contact with them in the places where they are to be found, and in the persons who are to be their guides and instructors. I have no objection to the use of the streets before detection, or for no other place is the home of all the juvenile delinquents that infest the metropolis; but, in whatever washed hovel their home—if they have any—may be, there is too much of the not *mea culpa* entering if he would carry into practice his benevolent schemes. So also in the prisons. Nothing will ever be done by the paid routine of governors and chaplains; and, as far as the law is concerned, God can see as they may be, there is too much of the not *mea culpa* entering if he would carry into practice his benevolent schemes. So also in the prisons. 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We have previously given in detail the declared value of our chief items of export, observing that in both gold and wool the value was notoriously too low. In now giving the declared value of our chief imports we may be able to do the same. On the other hand, observe, that in articles taxable at the Customs the value must be considered as entered for tax.

We will not, however, enter into a detailed discussion of this point at the present moment, having only as yet been able to glance over the returns. The following are the items which swell the import list before us:

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| Spirits— | | |
| Brandy | | £277,561 |
| Rum | | 104,111 |
| Gin | | 86,231 |
| Whisky | | 11,400 |
| Perfumed Spirits | | 3,800 |
| Liqueurs | ..... | 3,800 |
| Wine | ..... | 108,000 |
| Beer and Ale | ..... | 239,770 |
| Tobacco | ..... | 0 |
| Umanu'a-ture I | ..... | 0 |
| Fig and Cavendish | ..... | 58,560 |
| Cigars | ..... | 79,800 |
| Snuff | ..... | 6 |
| Tea | ..... | 235,000 |
| Coffee | ..... | 37,300 |
| Sugar— | | |
| Unrefined | ..... | 226,800 |
| Refined | ..... | 26,300 |
| Flour and Bread | ..... | 196,300 |
| Grain: including wheat, maize, oats, rye, and rice | ..... | 78,800 |
| Oilmen's Stores | ..... | 113,000 |
| Drugs and Medicine | ..... | 87,200 |
| Apparel | ..... | 298,200 |
| Cottons | ..... | 393,000 |
| Linens | ..... | 61,000 |
| Silks | ..... | 136,800 |
| Millinery | ..... | 35,000 |
| Woolens | ..... | 304,300 |
| Leather, including boots and shoes | ..... | 217,900 |
| Haberdashery | ..... | 304,000 |
| Hardware | ..... | 291,800 |
| Furniture | ..... | 28,800 |
| Woods | ..... | 67,700 |
| Jewellery | ..... | 42,600 |
| Watches and clocks | ..... | 26,000 |
| Stationery and books | ..... | 78,100 |
| Liquors | ..... | 88,000 |

These form the chief items imported into the colony, and it will be seen that out of the total £6,342,757, the startling amount of £978,112 was for spirituous and fermented liquors.

We next come to a comparative review of the shipping entered outwards and inwards at our ports in 1862 and 1863.

The outwards lists for 1862 show, to Great Britain 49 ships, 26,388 tons. New Zealand, 61 ships, 12,708 tons. Other colonies, 64 ships, 95,749 tons. South Sea Islands, 49 ships, 3872 tons. Fisheries, 20 ships, 1 tons. United States, 18 ships, 5602 tons. Foreign States 52 ships, 27,084 tons. 701 ships, 175,980 tons, and 5045 men.

For 1863, to Great Britain 73 ships, 40 tons; New Zealand, 102 ships, 24,743 other colonies, 653 ships, 146,834 tons; Sea Islands, 45 ships, 7939 tons; fisheries, 21 ships, 1284 tons; United States, 12 ships, 1 tons; Foreign States, 172 ships, 110,193 tons. Total, 1066 ships, 338,550 tons, and 11 men.

The shipping inwards for 1862 was as follows: from Great Britain, 111 ships, 196 tons; New Zealand, 66 ships, 128,588 other colonies, 381 ships, 68,059 tons; Sea Islands, 32 ships, 3603 tons; fisheries, 21 ships, 7493 tons; United States of America, 19 ships, 18,946 tons; foreign states, 50 ships, 17,260 tons. Total, 721 ships, 197,366 tons, and 3024 men.

For 1863, from Great Britain, 208 ships, 125,052 tons; New Zealand, 74 ships, 1 tons; other colonies, 598 ships, 144,777 tons; South Sea Islands, 24 ships, 3676 Fisheries, 7 ships, 1814 tons. United States of America, 46 ships, 17,321 tons. Foreign States, 91 ships, 28,573 tons. Total, 1049 ships, 336,850 tons, and 19,943 men.

We have received from Messrs. Williams and Co., of Calcutta, their Bazar Report for that market, dated the 17th January 1864, that over the fortnight ending at date, the Bombay dealers had taken up 12,000 bags of Benares sugar from the B causing a gradual increase in prices of the to the extent of three to four annas on previous quotations. They had also taken first arrivals of new date dooloochs at about annas to 1 rupee above the rates which

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| Hardware | 297,8 |
| Trunks | 61,1 |
| Wooden houses | 22,2 |
| Jewellery | 43,6 |
| Watches and clocks | 28,9 |
| Stationery and books | 77,1 |
| Furniture | 86,3 |

These form the chief items imported last year, and it will be seen that out of the total 26,342,757, the startling amount of 2,978,112 was for spirituous and fermented liquors.

We next come to a comparative review of the shipping entered outwards and inwards our ports in 1852 and 1853.

The outwards lists for 1852 show, to Great Britain 49 ships, 26,388 tons. New Zealand, 13,708 tons. Other colonies, 64 ships, 95,749 tons. South Sea Islands, 4 ships, 3672 tons. Fisheries, 20 ships, 10,500 tons. United States, 18 ships, 5602 tons. Foreign States 53 ships, 27,084 tons. Total, 175,960 tons, and 5045 men.

For 1853, to Great Britain 73 ships, 44,048 tons; New Zealand, 102 ships, 24,743 tons; colonies, 653 ships, 146,854 tons; South Sea Islands, 43 ships, 7939 tons; fisheries, 1254 tons; United States, 12 ships, 3900 tons; Foreign States, 172 ships, 110,193 tons. Total, 1066 ships, and 30,000 men.

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with the increasing demands for the Puntale, Gulpah and Burnmah, we see little chance of this country sending sugar to Great Britain until the opening up of the road to good roads and railways enables us to increase the production of sugar cane and to export the surplus to all kinds of foreign markets.

B-nance name: good, ditto, 7 rs. 10 anna to 7 rs. 14 anna; ditto, 7 rs. 6 anna to 7 rs. 10 anna; low ditto, 6 rs. 8 anna to 14 anna; yellow ditto, 5 rs. 14 anna to 6 rs.; dummehs, 4 to 3 rs. 4 anna; fine date, Gurpattah, name: middling ditto, low ditto, name: fine date, doloohy, 3 rs. 4 anna to 5 rs. 14 anna; fine date, 3 to 3 rs. 2 anna; low ditto, 4 rs. 14 anna; perah, fine white, 10 rs. 8 anna; ditto, yellow, 7 rs. 14 anna; cryops, 6 rs. 14 anna.

From the Liverpool Wool Circular of May 1890.

freight Receipts in 1853 have been \$1,000 bales from Sydney
Moreton Bay, 66,225 Port Phillip, 11,084 Portland &
Bass, 18,523 Port Jackson, 5,000 Port Adelaide, 1,184
Town, 2,419 Launceston, 3,000 Melbourne, 1,000
Brisbane, 1,000. Against 145,767 in '52; 146,336 in '51; 138,675

With respect, however, to the unsatisfactory
state in which so much of our wool was
home last season, the circular observes—

Notwithstanding the high price of labour in the
colonies, supplies has been pushed forward to an
extent; but the exigencies of the times have caused a much
quantity than could be sent in an unwashed state, and
it is to be observed that it is not the wool of the

The consumption has been satisfactory; and, except in Bradford and Halifax, the demand for manufactures, particularly blankets, has almost constantly anticipated supply. A new plant, named the same, has been built at a considerable expense very since midsummer, but there has recently been some prospect of a favourable change.

Exports of woollen manufactures, having been assisted by American and Australian demand, show an important advance far in advance of any previous period. The home market has been somewhat depressed.

With regard to imports of wool, the English market was late spring, the highest in the world, so that supplies were really directed here, and the total receipts have been

sixth greater than any former year. Australia and Russia have again sent additional quantities, while the only decrease has come from Germany. The enormous runs of freight now coming from the low prices of wheat in October and November, may portend a slack season for a few months.

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